



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2016

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 3,522 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 344 (10.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 372 (-9.6%) from a year ago. Of the 2,068 monetary determinations issued in October, 174 (8.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 32,263 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, an increase of 2,987 (10.2%) from the previous month and an increase of 4,247 (15.2%) from a year ago. There were 28,849 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.0 million. There were 2,240 (7.8%) partial payments issued in October 2016 compared to 1,821 (7.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$347. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.1 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 210 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 42 (25.0%) from the previous month and an increase of 131 (165.8%) from October 2015. It is estimated that 50 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,622 first payments and 723 final payments were issued in October 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 30.1 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,665 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2016. Of the 1,665 determinations, 981 (58.9%) were separation issues and 684 (41.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 379 (38.6%) separation issues and 600 (87.7%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 367 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2016. Of the 367 processed, 287 (78.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 80 (21.8%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2016	2015
Initial Claims	3,522	3,178	3,894	10.8%	-9.6%	50,780	54,329
Monetary Determinations	2,068	1,993	2,356	3.8%	-12.2%	31,782	33,093
Monetary Ineligible	174	198	232	-12.1%	-25.0%	2,311	2,644
Weeks Claimed	32,263	29,276	28,016	10.2%	15.2%	434,367	462,496
Number of Payments	28,849	26,700	25,339	8.0%	13.9%	397,518	418,914
Amount of Payments	\$10,020,282	\$9,178,324	\$8,533,331	9.2%	17.4%	\$132,736,344	\$136,049,702
Average Payment	\$347	\$344	\$337	1.0%	3.1%	\$334	\$325
Partial Payments	2,240	2,294	1,821	-2.4%	23.0%	26,874	28,890
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.1	15.0	15.3	0.5%	-1.5%	15.1	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	30.1	29.7	31.5	1.3%	-4.5%	30.1	31.5
First Payments	1,622	1,558	1,520	4.1%	6.7%	26,158	26,884
Final Payments	723	622	643	16.2%	12.4%	7,588	8,582
Workshare Initial Claims	210	168	79	25.0%	165.8%	1,082	898
Workshare Equivalency	50	54	21	-7.4%	138.1%	280	236
Workshare Continued Claims	1,253	1,244	671	0.7%	86.7%	14,471	10,293

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